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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

1. PENNSYLVANIA'S AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KLINE RECENTLY DECIDED TO SPONSOR A CONGRESS OF WORLD UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD TO BE CONVENED IN PHILADELPHIA IN JULY 1976. INITIAL PLANNING ENVISIONS ATTENDANCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED HIGHLY DISTINGUISHED PHILOSOPHICAL, SPIRITUAL, LITERARY AND OTHER LEADERS FROM ALL PARTS OF WORLD FOR PURPOSE OF ( A ) FOSTERING WORLD- WIDE RECOGNITION OF UNITY OF MANKIND AND ( B ) HOPEFULLY ORGANIZING CONGRESS ON PERMANENT BASIS TO MEET PERHAPS EVERY FIVE YEARS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONGRESS IS UNDER AUSPICES OF A NEW ORGANIZATION ENTITLED WORLD UNITED, INC., LOCATED IN PHILADELPHIA. TWO CATHOLIC PRIESTS, REV. GUY MERVEILLE AND REV- A- WILLIAM SABATINO ARE THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZERS. PROJECT HAS ATTRACTED ASSISTANCE OF GAYLORD HARNWELL, PRESIDENT- EMERITUS OF UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA; JOHN BUNTING, PHILADELPHIA BICENTENNIAL CIVIC LEADER AND BANK PRESIDENT, AND NORMAN COUSINS AMONG OTHERS. PROJECT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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ESSENTIALLY NON- GOVERNMENTAL IN NATURE EVEN THOUGH SPONSORED BY PENNSYLVANIA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION. PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND IN PERSONAL CAPACITY, NOT AS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

3. REVS. MERVEILLE AND SABATINO ARE INITIATING A PRELIMINARY TOUR IN NEAR EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACTS WITH PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS AND DEVELOP INTEREST IN CONGRESS. THEY ARE SCHEDULED ARRIVE ISTANBUL VIA PANAM NO. 2 JUNE 25 AND WILL CALL AT CONSULATE EARLY IN THEIR WEEK- LONG STAY.

4. DEPARTMENT IS SUPPORTIVE OF BICENTENNIAL EFFORTS OF STATE COMMISSIONS PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT TO PROJECTS IN FURTHERANCE OF CROSS- CULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. WILL THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY COURTESIES CONSULATE MAY APPROPRIATELY EXTEND. RUSH

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